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THE RAILROAD AT TULIA.

From the Tulia Standard of last Saturday we clip the following account of the railroad meeting:

"Last Monday evening, in response to the call in last week's paper, a number of our representative citizens assembled at the Court House in Tulia and were met by Maj. Eugene Gordon and Mr. C. B. Pash, also Mr. Donohoo, president of Amarillo, Plainview and Southern Railway Company, Dr. Wayland and Judge Randolph representatives from Plainview and Frank Wheelock and Mr. Abernathy, representatives from Lubbock, and discussed with these gentlemen the proposition of a railroad running from Amarillo or some point on the Pecos Valley road in Randall county, through Tulia to Plainview and Lubbock.

The house was called to order by County Judge Tomlinson. Maj. Gordon presented his proposition in a brief but concise statement and dilated to some extent in an eloquent, forcible and logical argument upon the wonderful and undreamed of resources and unequalled beauty of our country and her future possibilities with railroad facilities. Judge Randolph, Dr. Wayland and Mr. Abernathy supplemented with forcible argument and facts uncontroversial; after which the meeting resolved itself into an organization which shall hereafter be known as "The Tulia Board of Trade." Judge Tomlinson was elected president, and J. L. Cantrell secretary.

An executive committee consisting of W. C. Dinwiddie, Dr. Barnes, A. J. Bivens, W. B. Hutchison and Perry McCune was appointed. The contract was then read and submitted to the executive committee. The meeting then adjourned until next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m.

The executive committee had a meeting at 8 p. m. accepted the contract and appointed a soliciting committee consisting of J. A. Scott, G. C. Hutchison, Dr. H. D. Barnes, W. C. Dinwiddie, J. L. Cantrell and Ray Price.

Everyone present seemed to be very much enthused and aroused to the necessity of prompt and definite action, and from the determined expression visible in the faces of those present we were very much impressed with the fact that the prospects for a railroad in Swisher county were assuming tangible proportions."

THE STANDARD'S APPEAL.

The writer has been mixed up with railroad matters for several years; has read and heard spoken many striking appeals in the interest of railroad extension but the following from Bro. Callahan of the Tulia Standard outdoes them all. On the prospective railroad he says:

"Think of Swisher county as she is today, her people land poor, as it were, struggling hard to pay taxes and interest; cattle gone down almost to the last notch and land values not half what they should be; dis-

pair lurking within and disaster pending without three-fourths of the households in the county and ask yourself the cause of all this woe. We have fertile land, cattle, health, good seasons, climate unexcelled and in fact all the God-given resources and blessings that the most exacting could desire and if the avenues of approach to our portals by steam and electricity can be opened up, the remedy is at hand and we have the problem of prosperity and independence solved.

"Think of Swisher one year from today, when you can hear the rumbling of the wheels and the hissing of the steam as the iron horse of commerce and civilization courses his way through her dominion bearing his load of human freight with which to people and develop her; think of land values enhanced from \$3 to \$10 per acre and people clamoring for it at that price; think of all your interest and taxes having been paid and the broad acres of Swisher's fertile soil you will have left to sell at a fabulous price or rent to those immigrants for homes; think of all the luxuries that steam can bring and compare it with your present condition and tell us you can't afford to part with any money or land to secure all this for yourself and family, then we are convinced, that selfish you are indeed, and that it will be only a matter of a few short months before you will dispose of your possessions here, immigrate to a more congenial clime for you can't enjoy life among a noble, broad minded, progressive people like we have in Swisher county."

Somewhere To Plainview.

The parties behind the Amarillo to Plainview railroad project are pushing the matter with great energy. Plainview Lubbock and Tulia have each had several meetings; have each organized Boards of Trade and have committees actively at work trying to raise the bonus. These towns through their Boards of Trade have, as their several newspapers indicate, already "accepted the contract" and according to these same papers are doing their utmost to carry it out. It seems that the "Gordon syndicate" has agreed to put the road through for so much money and land but just how much per mile no one as yet appears willing to state in print. Perhaps, the Hale Center Messenger was right when it said some two weeks ago that four hundred and fifty thousand dollars was about the size of the donation desired. In this amount was included 100,000 acres of land.

The price looks big, says the Plainview Herald.

"I don't calculate on what the company is asking as a whole, but make your calculations on what it will mean to us." This, is the argument, used by the Tulia committee in requesting the citizens of Swisher to "whack up" and then it seeks to impress the citizen owning 1280 acres with the idea that he can give 320 acres of his holdings to the company and then

clear \$2,000 in value on the remaining 960 acres. In other words the committee estimate that with a railroad through Tulia the lands of the county will double in value within six months time.

But, "Somewhere to Plainview," via Tulia, as a matter of course, and then on to Lubbock, or, as some of these promoters put it—"from Amarillo or some point on the Pecos Valley road in Randall county through Tulia to Plainview and Lubbock." This, evidently means, and Amarillo is not slow about seeing it that way, that she, Amarillo, is to have the first chance to "put up" and that failing to give the price demanded, Canyon City may come in as the "somewhere" or beginning point.

From the way things are now running it is clear, to the News, that a whole lot of squeezing is going to be tried—the syndicate is reaching for the per-immon not only at "Somewhere" but all along the route.

They Wonder Why.

Local passenger men have been unable to figure out a satisfactory reason for the extra heavy passenger travel during the present year and especially during the past three months. There has not been an excursion of any sort run by a Texas road that has not been most liberally patronized, and the regular run of passenger business has averaged fully 30 per cent more than was the case last year. If cotton crop prospects materialize the passenger men here declare they will be swamped with business this fall. As a result of the outlook there is hardly a road in Texas that is not keeping all the cars at its disposal close in hand, and every possible safeguard to provide accommodation so the public can travel in comfort is being used.—Fort Worth Register.

The Kankakee man who was invited to go to Chicago, and take in the zoo, recently said: "No thank you, I'll stay at home. My oldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook is cross as a bear and my mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla. When I go any where I want a change."—Ex.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF RANDALL.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of Sale, dated September 10th, 1903, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Randall county, Texas, in case No. 62, wherein the Canyon Lumber Co., plaintiff, recovered judgment in rem against F. M. Coulter and E. Coulter, showing defendant F. M. Coulter was due the plaintiff \$289.82, together with a foreclosure of a Material Men's lien and an attachment lien on lots, eleven, twelve and thirteen in Block Fifty-eight in Canyon City, Randall county, Texas, said judgment rendered September 1st, 1903; I have levied upon said lots;

Therefore, know all men by these presents that I, E. A. Upfold, Sheriff of Randall county, Texas, will, on the first Tuesday in October, 1903, same being the 6th of October, 1903, sell said lots eleven, twelve and thirteen in Block Fifty-eight, at the court house door of Randall county, Texas, for cash, to the highest and best bidder, in satisfaction of said judgment.

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